

## News Briefs

### Water advisory rescinded

Public health officials have rescinded the boiled water advisory for the towns of Strotzbuesch, Driesch, Lutzerath, Kennfus, Weiler, Gevenich, Faid, Dohr, Urschmitt, Kliding and Beuren. Water samples have confirmed the absence of bacteria in the drinking water due to extensive disinfection measures conducted by the Cochem-Zell water plant.

### Phase II exercise

Spangdahlem AB's Phase II exercise takes place Nov. 7-10. The entire base will be in play with a few simulations. Round-the-clock operations are scheduled with a focus on expeditionary combat skills training. A training schedule has been distributed. People in air expeditionary forces 9/10 and 1/2 should receive scheduling priority.

### Special duty assignments

The Air Education and Training Command special-duty assignment briefing takes place Tuesday in the Spangdahlem AB Theater at 10 a.m. The special-duty assignment team invites airmen first class with at least 24 months time in service through master sergeants with less than 17 years total active federal military service to attend the briefing. Spouses of potential applicants are also invited to attend. The team can expedite the processing special-duty applications if applicants bring the completed forms with them to the briefing. Call Senior Master Sgt. Linda Washington at 452-7829 for applications.

### Collateral-duty recruitment

The Spangdahlem AB Civilian Personnel Office seeks civilian employees to serve in collateral-duty positions as a Federal Women's program manager, a Federal Black Employment program manager, a People with Disabilities Employment program manager and a Hispanic Employment program manager. These duties are performed along with current positions and may take up to 20 percent of the work day, therefore supervisors must approve requests for collateral-duty assignment. Call Ilse Campbell at 452-7560 or Lisa Garner at 452-4841 no later than Nov. 30 for details.

### Vehicle-operations office hours

♦ The 52nd Security Forces Squadron Privately-Owned Vehicle Driver's Testing and Licensing Office is closed Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday through Nov. 4 the office is open from 7:30-11:15 a.m. On Nov. 7 the office resumes its regular hours Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. For details, visit the base's public Web site at [www.spangdahlem.af.mil](http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil), click "Newcomers" and "Driving" or call 452-6620.

♦ The 52nd SFS Vehicle Registration and the Pass and ID offices are closed Monday at 1 p.m. and are minimally-manned Tuesday. Also, service is limited or non-available during the Phase II exercise Nov. 7-10. Regular facility hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. for walk-in service and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the last duty day of each month. For details, call 06565-61-6187.

### School days

Find out what brings the Army to Spangdahlem Air Base. Read "Joint Fires Center of Excellence begins training" on Page 2



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Capt. Tom Crosson

### Personal thanks

VILNIUS, Lithuania -- Tech. Sgt. Michael Hunter shakes hands with U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld here Monday as Lt. Col. David Youtsey and 1st Lt. Brian Cooper look on. Secretary Rumsfeld was among 10 defense ministers who participated in the Informal NATO-Ukraine High Level Consultations here Monday. The meeting was part of an intensified dialog under way in response to Ukraine's interest in accelerating its admission to NATO. Youtsey, Cooper and Hunter are currently assigned to the 23rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron at Siauliai Air Base, Lithuania, in support of NATO's Baltic Air Policing Mission of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia.

## AF Personnel center set to conduct force shaping board

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — To properly size and shape its future force, Air Force officials approved an annual board to evaluate officers for continued service at their three-year point. The board will be part of the service's force management program.

The first Force Shaping Board is scheduled to convene at the Air Force Personnel Center here April 3, 2006.

The board will evaluate active duty line officers in the 2002 and 2003 accession year groups — except officers with less than two years current active service or 15 or more years of active service as of Sept. 29, 2006.

The board's objective is to shape the future force by retaining officers the Air Force needs to develop as future leaders. The board will make its determination based on the information in the officers' central selection record and Retention Recommendation Form.

The central selection record includes officer selection brief, officer performance reports, decorations, and Letters of Evaluation.

Permanent change of station students (such as those at intelligence school or attending the Air Force Institute of Technology) will not have a completed a Retention Recommendation Form. Instead, their host wing commander will complete a letter of evaluation outlining the officer's training program and performance.

Board-eligible officers are authorized to submit a letter to the board to provide additional information relevant to the board decision process that is not included in any other documents in the central selection record.

The first O-6 or GS-15 in the officer's chain of command will write a nine-line narrative and make a recommendation. The senior rater will review the form and either concur or

non-concur with the initial reviewer's recommendation. The senior rater will also provide a mandatory ranking on all officers in their unit by accession year group and Air Force Specialty Code.

A general officer is scheduled to visit nearly every base to further explain the board process and how it fits into the service's overall force management program. Likewise, they will ensure Airmen are aware of the current voluntary separation initiatives.

Air Force leaders had hoped to reduce the line officer corps through a robust voluntary Force Shaping Program. The program continues to offer interested officers the following separation options, which may also include a waiver for recouping education costs:

### Voluntary Separation Programs

♦ Limited Active Duty Service Commitment waivers: This program allows individuals to separate before the expiration of certain active duty service commitments.

- ♦ Air Force Reserve Palace Chase
- ♦ Air National Guard Palace Chase
- ♦ Army Blue to Green

Opportunities exist for Airmen to continue to serve their country through federal civilian employment.

On March 1, these voluntary initiatives close to FSB eligible officers as the personnel center will no longer accept separation applications from these officers.

For more information about the board and volunteer separation opportunities, visit the AFPC Force Shaping Website, at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/shape.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/shape.htm), or call the Air Force Personnel Contact Center at (800) 616-3775.

RESCON Watch

**BRAVO**

1-2 DUIs in the Last 30 Days

Days since last DUI: **26**

Large unit with best record: 52nd Communications Squadron, 253 days  
Small units with best record: 52nd Medical Support Squadron,  
52nd Dental Squadron and 52nd Contracting Squadron: No DUIs

Data Courtesy of the 52nd SFS

**When going out, have a plan or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 06565-61-2233.**



# Joint Fires Center of Excellence begins training

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The Joint Fires Center of Excellence opened its doors to students for the first time here Oct. 17 as the U.S. military's only Europe-based joint firepower education center.

The U.S. Air Forces in Europe-inspired initiative is designed to enhance close air support operations by providing a more convenient means to train military members stationed in Europe who are likely to engage in joint and combined combat environments.

Formerly, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., maintained the only U.S. Air Force school that taught procedures to integrate close air support into the combat fire and movement of ground forces. This required Soldiers and Airmen involved in CAS missions to travel stateside for the specialized training.

"The demands placed upon our forces in support of the Global War on Terrorism require them to maintain the highest levels of proficiency and readiness. They need to be trained and ready to deploy to any combat arena at any given time and on very short notice," said Col. Thomas Berghoff, JFCoE commander. "The mission of JFCoE, to provide joint warfighting training focused on the effective integration and application of tactical fire, will help ensure these forces are ready for combat."

Additionally, the center's European location allows NATO-member military personnel to join in classes. "This gives students special insight into working in a joint and combined-force environment," said Army Staff Sgt. Larry Melton, JFCoE academics NCOIC and instructor.

Center studies are split into two parts: nine days of classroom study at Spangdahlem AB, and five days of controlling actual CAS missions at various training ranges here in Germany. Much of the instruction focuses on doctrine — the official word on when, where, why and how close air support is conducted.



**Air Force Maj. Doug Malone, Air Ground Operations School Director of Operations, coaches Army 2nd Lt. Elliot Chandler, left, and 1st Lt. Jason Waters on how to locate sectors on a map using Air Force terminology. The officers attended the center's first class, which began Oct. 17. Lieutenant Chandler is a fire support officer with the 126 Infantry, 17 Field Artillery Battalion in Schweinfurt, Germany and Lieutenant Waters is a fire support officer in training currently assigned to the 1-94 Field Artillery Battalion in Baumholder, Germany.**

"We study doctrine, or what 'the book' says, extensively. Battlefield scenarios change, so we must adjust and adapt to those changing situations. Understanding doctrine helps us make good adjustments," said Sergeant Melton.

In conjunction with doctrinal studies, JFCoE instruction covers the integration of Army, Air Force, Marine, and Navy battlefield resources. For example, in the heat of battle, an Army fire support sergeant can call for air cover by an Army attack aircraft, such as the AH-64 Apache. Or he may coordinate with an Air Force joint terminal attack controller for fixed-wing close air support from an A-10 or F-16 fighter jet, or an AC-130 gunship.

While doctrine and battlefield scenarios provide the framework for the course, the JFCoE instructors' personal experiences bring it to life. Sergeant Melton served on two Operation Enduring Freedom deployments in Afghanistan, and another in Falluja, Iraq, where he served at different forward operating bases. Tech. Sgt. Tim Pachasa, a JTAC instructor, served on two Operation Iraqi Freedom deployments. Air Force officers assigned to the JFCoE have combat experience in the A-10, F-15E, and F-16, flying in support of Operations Desert Storm, Allied Force and Iraqi Freedom. The center's senior Army officer, Maj. Rob Smith, commanded an artillery battery during OIF.

For some students, the JFCoE provides their first experience working in a joint environment. Army 1st Lt. Jason Waters, a fire support officer in training assigned to the 1-94 Field Artillery Battalion, said that besides the convenience of attending classes closer to his home station he has found that the center offers far more than just instruction. "Combat veterans here provide information and insights that I think will be really helpful when calling in close air support. Students just can't get that from just reading a book," he said.

Additionally, the JFCoE team isn't limited to Spangdahlem AB. Center instructors will take the show on the road and provide CAS classes to Army units located throughout Germany, making mission readiness even more accessible.

## Project CHEER on schedule to brighten Airmen's holidays

Compiled by the U.S. Air Force  
Public Affairs Office

More than 72,000 Airmen throughout the command participated in at least one of this past year's 1,200 Project CHEER events.

CHEER, which stands for Creating Hope, Energy, Enthusiasm and Recreation, runs from November through March annually to provide additional support to Airmen ages 18-25 during the winter months and holidays.

"There are hundreds of different activities bases offer as a part of their Project CHEER program," said Mandy Smith-Nethercott, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Project CHEER point of contact. "Each base is hosting a variety of fun activities for Airmen such as ski trips, fitness runs, Armed Forces Entertainment concerts and movie nights."

The special interest program develops and implements special events and programming that provide Airmen with various opportunities to socialize, relax and enjoy themselves.

"Services is proud to play a big part of the program by offering several command programs such as X-box gaming challenges, pool shark tournaments, cosmic bowling and three-on-three basketball," Ms. Smith-Nethercott said.

During the holiday season, single and unaccompanied Airmen are treated to a variety of special events and programs designed especially for them.

More than 10,000 USAFE Airmen enjoyed free movies, popcorn and a soda at Army and Air Force Exchange Service theaters during Project CHEER's Merry Movie Magic program over the holidays in 2004. In 2005, Airmen can enjoy a free movie at their USAFE movie theater on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

"We've had phenomenal support from sponsors this year," Ms. Smith-Nethercott said. "We have a lot of prizes to give away including Edelweiss Lodge and Resort trips, CDs and games, and Armed Forces Vacation Club certificates."

For more information, call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Center at 452-7381.

**COMBAT CHEER**

CREATING HOPE  
ENERGY  
ENTHUSIASM  
AND RECREATION

FOR SINGLE AND UNACCOMPANIED AIRMEN

**November Combat CHEER Events**

**Brick House**  
Your Combat CHEER Headquarters!  
Sunday Sports Night • All Night  
Monday Movie Madness • 6-10 p.m.  
"Two For Tuesday" Tournaments • 7 p.m.  
2, 16, 23 & 30 November • Pool Tournaments • 7 p.m.  
9 November • FREEZE Out Competition • 7 p.m.  
Thursday HALO 2 Tournaments • 7 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday Special function nights  
See Calendar on back inside cover for details!

**Bowling Center**  
3, 10 & 17 November  
Turkey Shoot • 6-10 p.m.

**Coffee Mill**  
Wednesday Bible Study • 7 p.m.  
Friday Singles Night • 7 p.m.  
4, 11 & 18 November  
Friday Movie Madness • 7 p.m.  
25 November

**Outdoor Recreation**  
23-27 November  
Thanksgiving Swiss Glacier Ski Trip

**Special Meals**  
16 November • Bring your boss to a buffet dinner • Mess Dining Facility  
17 November • Single & Unaccompanied Meal • 5 p.m. • Location TBA

**Fitness Center**  
7-18 November Racquetball Tournament  
November 23 • Turkey Trot Fun Run • Noon

**Airman Information File**

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong  
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

CMSgt. Gary G. Coleman  
Command Chief Master Sergeant  
U.S. Air Forces in Europe

October 2005  
Self-Improvement

"Victory smiles upon those who anticipate the changes in the character of war, not upon those who wait to adapt themselves after the changes occur."

*Italian Air Marshall Giulio Douhet*

Self-improvement in support of anticipated mission requirements is at the heart of everything we do as members of the profession of arms — especially in our dynamic world. It is the intrinsic factor that you bring to the fight. Personal improvement builds upon what you are trained to do and what you are capable of doing. Your efforts to improve can directly impact the mission.

Your focus should be on deliberate self-improvement — not "square filling." You must tailor your efforts to improve areas that lead to value-added contributions to the mission and combat readiness should be your first concern. Every combat veteran will attest that personal readiness can mean the difference between mission success or failure on the battlefield. As an example, personal fitness is more than the ability to run, do a few push-ups, and crunches — it is developing the mental and physical acuity necessary to outperform your adversary. In identifying an area for self-improvement ask yourself, "Will my improvement in this area benefit the mission?" If you answer "yes", pull the trig-

ger and dedicate yourself to achieving that goal.

Expect challenges along the way — no real goal is without adversity. Go around them, go over them, go under them, or dig through them. Be relentless — don't ever turn back. Make self-improvement goals the dominant focus in your life. It is a known fact that successful people make an "obsession" of their self-improvement goals. Benjamin Franklin's entire life reflected his belief in self-improvement — a model of the self-made man. He worked constantly to improve and became one of the most respected intellects of the Western world.

There are many resources available to you in your quest for focused self-improvement. Combat Education is designed to assist you in removing obstacles in pursuit of educational goals. USAFE University stands ready to bolster any technical, professional, or educational goal you may have. Supervisors will mentor and guide you in attaining the resources you need.

The message is clear — develop a professional edge on your competition. We give you the tools and training needed to do your job, and you bring the courage, determination, and passion to excel. Your personal contributions are what make our Air Force the most feared and respected in the world — every day you improve, we all get better!





Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

## Top Saber Performer

**Name:** Staff Sgt. Jamie W. Trimnal  
**Unit:** 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron  
**Duty title:** Aircraft structural maintenance craftsman  
**Hometown:** Pleasant Hill, Penn.  
**Years in service:** 12  
**Contribution to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:** Staff Sgt. Trimnal devised a procedure and led a depot-level repair action in replacement of a damaged piece of A-10 fuselage skin. His innovative procedure allowed removal of the damaged area and replacement of the new aircraft skin without the assistance of a depot field team to remove the wings of the aircraft. His efforts led to the completion of this

job within 24 hours, beating the original estimated time of completion by 48 hours and saving the wing more than \$14,000. Additionally, he led the repair of a damaged A-10 lower stabilizer. He removed the damaged area of the flight control surface, then made a contoured mold that allowed him to accurately shape the repair material and restore the structural integrity of the entire stabilizer. His exceptional technical expertise saved the wing thousands of dollars and eliminated needless aircraft downtime.

**Off duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits:** Sergeant Trimnal coached children ages 5-6 in T-ball, helped coach children ages 5-6 in soccer and is pursuing an accounting degree.

**What do you do for fun:** I play golf, softball, bowl and play with my children.

**What do you like most about being stationed here?** I enjoy traveling.

**What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem AB?** I would like to see more morale-boosting events taking place to improve the camaraderie.



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

## Top Saber Team

**Unit name:** 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron Aircraft Structural Maintenance Section

**Unit responsibilities:** The aircraft structural maintenance section designs, repairs, modifies and fabricates aircraft parts, assemblies and components for about 46 F-16 and 22 A-10 aircraft. The section also repairs composite aircraft structures, aligns component structures and balances control surfaces. It inspects and maintains structural maintenance industrial equipment for composites, sheet metal, corrosion control and prevention activities. Additionally, it fabricates and repairs cable and tubing assemblies for assigned aircraft, inspects and ensures structural integrity of all assigned aircraft, and identifies and treats corrosion on aerospace ground equipment.

**Number of members:** 35 military and two civilians

**How does the team fit into the wings mission?** Team supplies round-the-clock support for all assigned and transient aircraft at Spangdahlem Air Base. It also ensures that all wing aircraft are structurally sound and war ready.

**Team's other contributions through the year?** The section's fabrication flight provided countless man hours in support of the recent 2005 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Surefire Weapons Loading Competition -- the first in 13 years. They tirelessly ensured all four bomb-loading vehicles, four launchers and 28 munitions were in first-rate, show-quality condition, and they fabricated 16 aircraft and munitions display placards providing asset information, lauded by the competition judges as "best ever seen!"

## Eifel Salutes

### 52nd Mission Support Group

Renee Evans earns kudos of "sorts" ... as a volunteer this past month, she worked tirelessly to clean and sort for the new Spangdahlem AB Airmen's Attic in building 408A, and continues to impress people with her dedication to the community. It's only natural to salute

**Shannon Duffy, Kent**

**Schultz and Lee Anne Moeller**, for their outstanding job leading the wing's five-day Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program -- assessing the quality of 13 ECAMP protocols, 26 environmental programs and quickly developing the ECAMP management action plan.

### 52nd Maintenance Group

Back on "train gang" is **Staff Sgt. Aaron Dean**, who single-handedly managed the largest unit training program in the wing, maintaining a 98-percent scheduling effectiveness rate and a 95-percent career development course rate. A "Tenny" for your thoughts ... **Staff Sgt. Robert Tenny** implemented a USAFE-directed annual forms class, qualifying more than 160 people on a critical task. Ahead of the power "Curva" is **Staff Sgt. Ronaldo Curva**, who met wing mission goals of 90-percent-trained troops in the initial Sexual Assault Response Coordinator briefing for more than 500 52nd MXG and 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron people.

### CDC stars

The following individuals earned scores of 90 percent or above on their career development course examinations. **Staff Sgt. David Dooley**, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 90; **Staff Sgt. Jennifer Niblick**, 52nd AMXS, 91; **Airman 1st Class Aaron Goroski**, 52nd AMXS, 90; **Airman 1st Class David Megorden**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, 94; **Airman 1st Class Frank Tucker**, 52nd AMXS, 93; **Airman Donald Milota**, 52nd AMXS, 90; **Airman Daniel Thompson**, 52nd AMXS, 96; and **Airman Benjamin Welicka**, 52nd AMXS, 90.

### Congrats fitness aces

The following Sabers scored 90 percent or higher on their physical training tests in September.

### 23rd Fighter Squadron

**Capt. Danielle Willis**, 92

### 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron

**Staff Sgt. Suzy Bright**, 94.25; **Maj. Elizabeth Shaw**, 92

### 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**Staff Sgt. Jennifer Niblick**, 100; **Tech. Sgt. Guy Hamilton**, 98.5; **Staff Sgt. Scott Haxby**, 93.25; **Staff Sgt. Matthew Ackerman**, **Airman Bryan Christensen** and



**Capt. Charles Ploetz**, 93.5; **Staff Sgts. Jeremy Gamble**, **Toni Ward**, and **Airman 1st Class Adam Rake**, 92; **Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Setty**, 91.75; **Airman 1st Class James Register**, 91.5; **Airman Philip Sawin**, 91; **Tech. Sgt. Christopher Shaver**, 90.5; **Airman 1st Class Shaun McDonald**, 90.5; **Staff Sgt. Shawna Losh**, 90.25

### 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

### Squadron

**Senior Airmen Paul Shepherd and Michael Strid**, 100; **Tech. Sgt. Joshua Gidcumb**, 98; **Master Sgt. David Ayers**, 97.5; **Staff Sgt. Joseph Walkup**, 92; **Staff Sgt. Ronnie Agustin** and **Airman 1st Class Timothy Shearer**, 90.5

### 52nd Communications Squadron

**Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Dalander**, 100; **Staff Sgt. Robert Jones**, 93.75

### 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron

**Chief Master Sgt. Susan McCrary**, 93.5

### 52nd Comptroller Squadron

**Airman 1st Class Brandon Brown**, 93.5

### 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

**Senior Airmen Nathan Graczyk and Brenten Murphy**, 100; **Capt. Raymond Handrich**, 97.5; **Senior Airman Nicholas Adams**, 95; **Airman 1st Class Ryan Brinkman**, 93.5; **Airman 1st Class Andre Valez**, 92

### 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

**Master Sgt. Robert Hughes** and **Airman 1st Class Anthony Zartman**, 100

### 52nd Medical Operations Squadron

**Lt. Col. John Lynch**, 100; **Maj. Laura Frazer**, 97.5

### 52nd Medical Support Squadron

**Senior Airman Jennifer Attridge**, 100; **Senior Airman Michael Nelson**, 95.15; **Master Sgt. Lisa Mannon**, 95; **Lt. Col. Robert Schmitz**, 1st Lt. **Mark Wimley** and **Staff Sgt. Samantha Dunn**, 92; **Master Sgt. Cedrick Clark** and **Staff Sgt. Joel Johnson**, 90.75; **Senior Airman Richard Hairston**, 90.5

### 52nd Mission Support Squadron

**Capt. Hyral Walker**, 92.52; **Capt. Sheryl Ott**, 92.25; 1st Lt. **David Leahy**, 90.75

### 52nd Operations Support Squadron

**Airman 1st Class John Castle**, 100; **Maj. Baker Beard**, 95; **Lt. Col. Scott Bowen** and **Airman 1st Class Scott Shilvock**, 92; **Capt. Diallo Creal**, 90.5; **Staff Sgt. Robert Fletcher**, 90.25

*Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!*

*(Salutes compiled by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)*

## National Disability Employment Awareness Billiards Tournament

Today at 4 p.m.  
 Brick House  
 Entry fee \$5; prizes awarded

Learn about federal disability employment at this 52nd Fighter Wing Multicultural Awareness Committee-sponsored event.





## Lack of attention to road conditions wrecks Saber rides

By David A. Barker  
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel had 10 major accidents and 22 minor wrecks in the past two weeks.

The first major crash happened in Miltenberg on B-47. It resulted from a failure to yield to oncoming traffic.

The second major wreck happened in Feilsdorf. A bicyclist hit a car and was injured.

The third major crash involved a local national employee who was driving too fast and hit a fence.

The fifth major crash happened on the B-51 on-ramp in Bitburg. Driving at speeds too fast for conditions resulted in one totaled car and an injured driver.

Major wreck number six was near Koonsbusch, heading toward Bitburg. Driving at speeds too fast for conditions resulted in the driver losing control of the car, and driver and passenger injuries.

Major crash number seven was on the B-50 near Albachmuhle. Driving at speeds too fast for road conditions resulted in a collision with a guardrail.

Major wreck eight was on the K-91. Driving too fast around a curve resulted in a one car accident.

Major crash nine was on the A-48. This accident was caused when a driver tried to pass another car at a high speed. The driver hit the guard rail and the other car.

The last major wreck of the week occurred in Bitburg. This accident was caused by a local national employee who was driving too fast and slammed into a parked car. Polizei are working this case.

Causes of the 22 minor wrecks: four at speeds too fast for conditions, one in a parking lot, six from improper backing, six from inattentive driving, four from tailgating and one where the other driver was found at fault.

The fourth major accident this week occurred on L-46 near the base gate where the driver's car hit a group of wild boar.

# Domestic violence Stressful world events challenge even most loving relationships

Compiled by the 52nd Medical Group  
Family Advocacy Outreach Office

News of tension stretches daily from the front lines of battle to the banks of the hurricane-ravaged gulf coast. Air Force family outreach organizations know that world events and the anticipation of the future can be stressful on families.

Eifel-region community members can contribute to the effort by developing and nurturing emotionally healthy relationships to put an end to domestic violence.

Domestic violence is demonstrated by a pattern of coercive behaviors that may include repeated battering, psychological abuse, sexual assault, progressive social isolation, deprivation and intimidation. It can take place within families of any military rank, social, economic, religious, cultural or ethnic status. The victim and perpetrator can be either gender.

Abuse is about control and selfish power brought on by the perpetrator's low self-esteem. The victim typically suffers from low self-esteem as well. Too often, abusive relationships are generational. Adults, who as children were brought up in an abusive home, have a greater chance of repeating the same inappropriate behavior.

The good news is people have a lot of control over their destiny and do not have to repeat unhealthy relationship patterns. The 52nd Medical Group Life Skills Center and Family Advocacy staff members offer educational information and counseling for people wanting to strengthen family relationships skills. The Air Force recognizes it is common for families to experience increased tensions resulting from life's demands. Therefore,

### Preventing violence

Preventive measures are the best means to avoid family violence. Here are just a few ways to reduce stressors:

- ♦ Know family members' strengths and limitations, and expectations for relationships.
- ♦ Know what matters most and "clean house" of activities or thoughts that clutter minds and lives.
- ♦ Recognize that people are interdependent and that reaching out for support or help is a sign of strength, not weakness.

it encourages people to seek help and prevent family problems from escalating.

In addition to encouraging military members to seek help before problems escalate, the Air Force also wants members to recognize and prevent family violence. Air Force policy does not require base agencies or supervisors to document preventive measures taken by members. Receiving pre-marital counseling or attending parenting or relationship communication workshops is not documented. However, maltreatment cases are reported in medical records. Therefore, it is crucial for Air Force families to address small

conflicts promptly. Seeking help is never viewed as a sign of weakness, but rather as wisdom.

### When violence arises

Children need food, shelter, clothing, education and love to grow up to become physically and emotionally healthy adults. A child who receives consistent emotional nurturing, attention and respect from his or her parents has a much greater chance of becoming an emotionally secure adult compared to a child raised in a home where violence occurs.

A child growing up in a violent home often experiences long-term emotional scars, including exaggerated anxiety, insecurity and guilt. Fears of abandonment, problems with trusting others, impulsivity and out-of-control anger are behaviors that may also affect children raised in such homes. Given a stressful home life, a child's intellectual growth and physical health may also be impaired.

Preventing domestic violence is a year-round responsibility of everyone in the community. Children can become victims if they are exposed to a pattern of physical violence in the home, and often model this behavior with others. Verbal violence between parents or other peers is equally as harmful to a child as witnessing physical abuse.

Healthy relationships create healthy families who create healthy communities. Healthy relationships also contribute to mission readiness. Those who are in, or know someone who may be in a violent relationship can share their concerns with family advocacy staff members who can offer support and help. For more information, call 452-8279.

## Dereliction of duty, false statements cost Airmen their stripes

Compiled from staff reports

During August and September, 17 Spangdahlem Air Base Airmen received non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron violated Article 134 by being drunk and disorderly. The commander imposed a suspended reduction of rank to airman, suspended forfeitures of \$250 pay per month for two months, 30 days correctional custody and a reprimand.

♦ A staff sergeant assigned to the 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron violated Article 92 by being derelict in the performance of her duties. The commander imposed a reduction of rank to senior airman and a reprimand.

♦ A senior airman assigned to the 52nd CMS violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to airman first class, a suspended reduction of rank to airman, forfeitures of \$300 for one month, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ A staff sergeant assigned to the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron violated Article 134 by being drunk and disorderly. The commander imposed a suspended reduction of rank to senior airman, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd CMS violated Article 121 by stealing vehicle parts and Article 107 by making a false official statement. The commander imposed a reduction of rank to airman, forfeitures of \$161 for two months, 45 days restriction to Spangdahlem AB, 45 days

extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ A technical sergeant assigned to the 52nd Security Forces Squadron violated Article 109 by damaging private property and Article 128 by assaulting a German civilian. The commander imposed a suspended reduction of rank to staff sergeant and a reprimand.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd CMS violated Article 121 by stealing vehicle parts and Article 92 by being derelict in the performance of his duties. The commander imposed a reduction of rank to airman, forfeitures of \$161 for two months, 45 days restriction to Spangdahlem AB, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ A staff sergeant assigned to the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron violated Article 134 by wrongfully soliciting an Airman to make a false official statement and Article 86 by failing to go to his appointed place of duty. The commander imposed a reduction of rank to senior airman, suspended forfeitures of \$938 for two months, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ Two airmen assigned to the 52nd EMS violated Article 112a by wrongfully using marijuana, Article 80 by attempting to wrongfully possess mushrooms and Article 81 by conspiring with two other active duty members to wrongfully use mushrooms. The commander imposed a reduction of rank to airman basic, forfeitures of \$617 for two months and 45 days restriction to Spangdahlem AB for both airmen.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd EMS violated Article 81 by conspiring with two other active duty members to wrongfully use mushrooms. The commander imposed a reduction of rank to airman and a suspended

reduction of rank to airman basic, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd Services Squadron violated Article 128 by assaulting an active duty member. The commander imposed a reduction of rank to airman and 30 days correctional custody.

♦ A senior airman assigned to the 52d Logistics Readiness Squadron violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction of rank to airman first class, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 606th Air Control Squadron violated Article 92 by being derelict in the performance of his duties. The commander imposed a suspended reduction of rank to airman, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ An airman assigned to the 52nd SVS violated Article 92 by wrongfully viewing pornographic images on a government computer. The commander imposed a reduction of rank to airman basic and 14 days extra duty.

♦ A senior airman assigned to the 52nd LRS violated Article 107 by making a false official statement. The commander imposed a reduction of rank to airman first class.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd EMS violated Article 86 on two occasions by failing to go to his appointed place of duty and Article 107 by making a false official statement. The commander imposed a reduction of rank to airman and a suspended reduction to the grade of airman basic, 30 days correctional custody and a reprimand.



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Col. Dave Goldfein

## October Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
22FS	299	266	+23
23FS	330	283	-6
81FS	293	223	-14

\*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

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# Viewpoint

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## Improvement

### Help yourself by taking initiative to help others

By Maj. Tim Coger

52nd Component Maintenance Squadron commander

All leaders have their own styles, ideas and philosophies. Some are more flexible and versatile than others. Each is a product of the person's environment, experience and personal outlook.

My experience is that most leaders build a "tool box" filled with tried and true standards and other more specialized and situational tools.

Our current promotion systems give much credence to the "whole person" concept. The idea of being a good worker in the duty section only gets one so far these days in terms of promotion. I try to mold my leadership tools to focus not only on military business but so they can be applied across the spectrum of life.

Initiative is one of my favorite themes. It goes a long way in overcoming most any situation, challenging or not so challenging. In that vein, I encourage people to consider a "Be Someone, Do Something, Make a Difference" mantra.

It's all about initiative: stepping up, getting the job done and getting results. This can apply to anything -- Air Force work, volunteering to help the local school or running a squadron intramural team. Generally speaking, as long as your intentions are good, you put in a decent effort, you work within your level of competency and do not sabotage the effort, the results should be favorable.

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Let's take a look at each component of the mantra and break it down a bit further.

"Be Someone": My intent in "Be Someone" is to allow room for more personal or professional growth and expansion. Step up confidently and proudly to the challenges presented before you. By being "Someone," you're committed to action and doing something. You've separated yourself from

the masses, risen above the lemmings. You've become a leader. Leaders do things, organize people to do things and get things done. They are masters of initiative, something our society and service recognize and reward.

"Do Something": Pretty simple, don't just stand there looking at the problem, wringing your hands or griping about what should or needs to be done. Or worse yet, don't expect someone else to do the dirty work. Take action!

"Make a Difference": Every action has a reaction, that's basic physics. This is the results part. If a job needs doing, it must have a purpose or reason and a desired or expected outcome. Many times in the routines that encompass our duties, we know the results immediately or the reasons why we do things. We do our duty; get the expected and desired results. It's those jobs laying on the edges, sometimes undesirable and not glamorous, or plain forgotten about where I'd like people to focus additional attention.

In today's Air Force there is the issue of the scope of work that needs doing. Look around and see what you can do to pitch in, make your unit more combat capable and cohesive, your community a better place to live. If everybody took the time and effort to get all the unpopular jobs done think how much better our world would be. "Be Someone. Do Something. Make a Difference."

## Red Ribbon Campaign

### Middle schoolers share their drug abuse concerns, ask community to get involved in prevention programs

*(Editor's note: The Eifel Times staff congratulates Shannon Doherty and Jesse D. Johnson for submitting the following Letters to the Editor, which recently won in the Spangdahlem and Bitburg Middle School Red Ribbon Week Persuasive Letter contests.)*

#### The problem with drugs

Dear Editor,

Do you know how many people die annually from tobacco, alcohol abuse and illicit drug use? About 555,000 people in America alone depart this life because of these foul reasons, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association. That number isn't going to change unless we take a stand in the struggle against drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse.

Death isn't the only problem with drugs. Crime is another awful consequence. I don't think the children of today or adults of the future want to be victims of such unlawfulness.

Also, some soon-to-be mothers are affecting the development of their unborn babies by using drugs and

alcohol. How terrible it would be to be born mentally or physically deformed and didn't do a single thing personally wrong to cause it.

Many other problems are caused by alcohol abuse and tobacco use. Second-hand cigarette smoke results in illnesses and even bad breath (not so important). Driving While Intoxicated can cause car accidents. These problems can be prevented if we all just took a stand together and help one another to stop these terrible things from ever happening.

There are many ways of taking a stand to help that many people haven't tried. Everyone can do something to impede drug abuse. We can make a difference. We can inform people about the awful problems of using illegal drugs, abusing alcohol, and using tobacco.

Television has done some of this. Admittedly, those commercials are a little corny. Also, identifying family members of a drug abuser can be helpful because these people might want to help this person and others like them, and possibly stop the drug

user from doing wrong things.

Remember, if we let this dilemma continue to grow, one out of twenty people will be affected by drugs.

Respectfully,  
Jesse D. Johnson  
Bitburg Middle School student

#### Get involved

Dear Editor,

Almost everybody knows somebody whose life has been altered by drugs.

Many people may believe that only one person cannot solve a problem as overwhelming as drugs. I am not one of those people.

By getting involved in the classroom, parents can educate their children about the effects of drugs. Go into the classroom; share your story about someone whose life was ruined by drugs. Out of the classroom, be there for your children — become involved in their lives. Become involved in the lives of your grandchildren, your students, the children of your community.

By simply supporting them, you can inspire them to chase their dream, a dream leading to a full life without drugs. Have faith in the hearts and minds of your children, support their passion. Let us not lose even one more person to the bonds of a life of enslavement.

As an eighth grader at Spangdahlem Middle School, I am one of those people and I am asking for your help. I am asking you to become involved in your community. Let us not lose another generation to drugs. Let us not make a mistake now that we will never be able to escape.

Encourage us to become the person we truly want to be, and live a life unaltered by drugs. Your time is worth it. You alone can make the difference for me. You alone can make a difference for all of us.

Inspire us to live a drug-free life, and I assure you, you will never regret it.

Sincerely,  
Shannon Doherty  
Spangdahlem Middle School student





## Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to [publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil).



### Wing training day hours

The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron customer service desk, environmental flight and drafting shop, and the 52nd Mission Support Group Manpower Office are closed for training Tuesday.

The following agencies offer limited services or hours Tuesday:

- ♦ The Spangdahlem AB Post Office parcel and registered mail pickup windows, finance counter and customer service window are open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ♦ Bitburg Annex Post Office services are available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ♦ The 52nd MSG Military Personnel Flight customer service desk, outbound and separations office, and the education center are minimally manned.
- ♦ 52nd Security Forces Squadron customer services offices are open, but minimally manned.

### Bitburg Annex BX parking

The Bitburg Annex Base Exchange parking lot is closed for painting Monday through Nov. 13. Customers are encouraged to park in the parking lots behind the bank and at the commissary.

### Job fair

A local-agency job fair takes place today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Club Eifel. Call 452-9491 for details.

### BES news

♦ The Bitburg Elementary School Parent and Teacher Association meeting and Family Fun Night takes place today from 5-8 p.m. Important BES dates include Thursday, the last day of the first marking period; Nov. 4, no school for students during Teacher Record Keeping Day; and Nov. 9-10, parent-teacher conference days. Call 452-9215 for more information.

♦ The BES Scholastic Book Fair takes place Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the school.

### Scholarship info

The Defense Commissary Agency and the Fischer House Foundation accept applications beginning Tuesday for education scholarships for children of military families and retirees. Applications and details are available at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org). The submission deadline is Feb. 22.

### Massages for disaster relief

A licensed massage therapist is donating her work proceeds now through Nov. 17 to the American Red Cross or Combined Federal Campaign for hurricanes Katrina and Rita relief. Massages are available in the workplace. Call Simone Harcarik at 01604-657368 or 06565-955633 to schedule or for more information.

### BHS advisory meeting

The Bitburg High School advisory committee meeting takes place Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the school media center. The BHS SAC meets the first Tuesday of the month. For more information, visit the school Web site at [www.bitbhs.eu.dodea.edu](http://www.bitbhs.eu.dodea.edu).

### Housing office closure

The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Housing Office is closed for a German holiday Tuesday. Call 452-7944 for more information.

### Legal office closure

The base legal office is closed for training Tuesday. For emergencies, call 452-6796.

### BHS senior class meeting

Parents of Bitburg High School seniors are encouraged to attend an events planning meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Call 452-9337 for details.

### Girls' 1970s dance

An all-girls 1970s dance takes place Nov. 4 from 6-9 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2012. Tickets cost \$2 for registered Girl Scouts and \$3 for non-members. E-mail [SpangdahlemGirlScouts@hotmail.com](mailto:SpangdahlemGirlScouts@hotmail.com) for details.

### Fireman's story time

Military firefighters read stories while dressed in uniform Nov. 4 from 10-11 a.m. at Bitburg Annex building 2012.

### CFC charity event

Four local bands play at the Brick House Nov. 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. to raise funds for Combined Federal Campaign charities. Donations contributed during the event benefit military family support youth programs and

hurricane relief efforts. The bands performing are SNL, Down by Dawn, Social Brutality and the Chad Carter Band. E-mail [lorraine.wadsworth@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:lorraine.wadsworth@spangdahlem.af.mil) for details.

### Scout Sabbath

All Girl, Boy and Cub Scouts are invited to attend a Scout Sabbath Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex Chapel. Call Master Sgt. Sandra Pocius at 452-3479 for details.

### Karaoke night

Krazy Karaoke night takes place Nov. 5 and 18 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in Spangdahlem AB's Brick House. The best singers will win prizes.

### Garage sale for JAM!

A garage sale takes place Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the base community center. Event proceeds benefit JAM! programs. Team Eifel members are encouraged to clean out their closets and to donate their unwanted items to the cause. People can drop off donations at the base community center Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### SSEMC Bingo party

Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club members are encouraged to bring a friend to the club's Bingo night Nov. 5 from 3-8 p.m. in Club Eifel. Cost is \$15 per player for a chance to win crystal prizes. The player who brings the most guests wins a special gift. Registration deadline is Nov. 2. Call Michelle Bertke at 06561-947639 or e-mail [bertke96@hotmail.com](mailto:bertke96@hotmail.com) to sign up.

### Book fair

A Scholastic book fair sponsored by the Parents, Teachers and Students Association takes place Nov. 7-11 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Spangdahlem Elementary School. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 06575-903961 or e-mail [brewersfive@hotmail.com](mailto:brewersfive@hotmail.com).

### Parent /teacher conferences

Bitburg High School parent and teacher conferences take place Nov. 9 from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. Report cards are also available for pick up this day. Parents may also make appointments with teachers that day by calling 452-9202 or 452-9337.

## Chapel Services

### Spangdahlem AB

#### Catholic Mass

♦ Saturday, 5 p.m.

♦ Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

♦ Sunday, religious education, 9:45 a.m. (Building 139)

♦ Monday - Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

#### Protestant

♦ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., traditional service

♦ Sunday, 1 p.m., Korean service

♦ Sunday, 5 p.m., Sunday Night Live service

### Bitburg Annex

#### Catholic Mass

♦ Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

♦ Monday, 8:30 a.m.

#### Protestant

♦ Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Liturgical; 9:30 a.m., Contemporary; 1 p.m., Gospel Service

*For more information about Jewish, Islamic, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or other faith needs, call the chapel at 452-6711/6281.*

## What's happening at Club Eifel?

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD 2 FOR 1 STEAK NIGHT

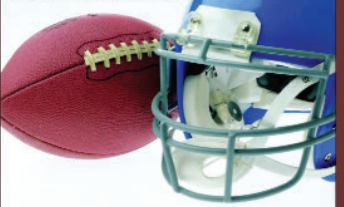


**T**wo 11 oz. steaks, house salads, baked potatoes with sour cream, butter and green onions. Wine specials will also be available. This special event is by reservation only, so call Club Eifel at 452-4639. There will be two seatings; 5-6:30 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Food will be served in the fireside lounge. Enjoy a night out! **Club Eifel Members \$18.00/Nonmembers \$22.00**

### Spangdahlem Football Frenzy

Pick up an entry form each week at J.R. Rockers, the Club Customer Service Desk or the Club Buffet Cashier. Circle your picks for the upcoming game and drop it in the Spangdahlem Football Frenzy entry box. Three winners will be awarded each week and at the end of the season, the overall winner will get the Ultimate Fan Grand Prize!

### Are you ready for some FOOTBALL?



## Der Markt

### Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least **10 days before the desired date of publication**. Ads can also be e-mailed to [publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil) or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The *Eifel Times* staff reserves the right to edit ads.



## Movies

The following movie listings are for today through Nov. 4. Times and movies are subject to change. For more information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. For movie synopses, visit [www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp).

### Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

*Undiscovered (PG-13, 7 p.m.)*

An aspiring New York model falls in love with a struggling musician when they suddenly cross paths on a subway train. Over time, they both discover that the price of fame may be higher than anyone expected.

*The Skeleton Key (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)*

After acquiring a skeleton key, Caroline makes her way into a secret room within the attic where she discovers hair, blood, bones, spells and other instruments for practicing voodoo.

Saturday

*Supercross (PG-13, 7 p.m.)*

Two brothers overcome emotional and physical obstacles to achieve success in the competitive world of Supercross racing.

*Undiscovered (9:30 p.m.)*

Sunday

*Supercross (4 p.m.)*

*Undiscovered (7 p.m.)*

Monday

*Supercross (7 p.m.)*

Tuesday

*The Skeleton Key (7 p.m.)*

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

### Bitburg Castle

Today

*Just Like Heaven (PG-13, 7 p.m.)*

A San Francisco man falls in love with a female spirit he encounters in his home. The woman whose ghost he's swooning over has been in a coma for months, and unless he does something she'll be taken off life support.

*Four Brothers (R, 9:30 p.m.)*

After their adoptive mother is murdered during a grocery store hold-up, the Mercer brothers reunite to take the matter of her death into their own hands. As they track down the killer, they quickly realize that their old ways of doing business have new consequences.

Saturday

*Just Like Heaven (7 p.m.)*

*Four Brothers (9:30 p.m.)*

Sunday

*Valiant (G, 4 p.m.)*

A lowly wood pigeon named Valiant, overcomes his small size to become a hero in Great Britain's Royal Air Force Homing Pigeon Service during World War II.

*Just Like Heaven (7 p.m.)*

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

*Valiant (7 p.m.)*

Thursday

*Just Like Heaven (7 p.m.)*

Sabers can savor the fruits of local vintners' 'winning'

# Wine grape harvest soon ends, world-famous Rieslings begin

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Festival season is almost over in Germany and wine festivals along the Middle Mosel have come to an end.

While the harvesting of the first crop, such as the Mueller-Thurgau and Elbling grapes has almost come to an end, the Kerner und Weißburgunder and Riesling are still harvested.

Spaetlese, Auslese and Kabinett wines become good with a riper grape. Hundreds of hard-working men and women from the Moselland area and elsewhere have been busy as ever harvesting what is known as the Moselland gold. Climbing up and down the steep hills they make sure they harvest all the grapes and don't miss out on any.

It looks like the quality of this year's wine will be good, comparable to the to the early fully ripe, high-quality grapes of 2003. This is due to the late frost in May and persistent rainfall though the end of August this year. But, according to wine experts, the quantity will be small.

Spangdahlem people live at the doorstep of a delightful wine region, where some of the finest white wines in the world originate. The wine growing area of this region covers more than 25,000 acres, 75 percent of which are covered with Riesling vines, the rest cultivated with Mueller-Thurgau, Elbling, and other varieties. The average annual yield is about 22 million gallons of wine.

## Harvesting times

For the earlier grapes, such as the Mueller-Thurgau or Elbling, the Weinlese or grape harvest began in September and just ended. Grapes that need a little longer to ripen, such as those of the popular Riesling vines, are harvested from mid-October until mid-November.

Starting times for the harvest in a geographic area are always decided by the local government. Then it's up to a commission of wine growers within that area to determine individual harvesting times, which may vary from village to village.

## Mosel wines

Mosel wines are characterized by their fine bouquets, golden color and typical aromatic, elegant, piquant taste. Some Mosel wines are robust and lively with high acidity; others are stimulating with a fruity taste, and there are also light wines.

Although Mosel wines have a common basic character, they



**What makes a good wine? Along with the soil, climate and landscape, harvesting practices for the grapes at various degrees of ripeness determine the character of the wine. Grapes, such as the ones shown in this photo, also need the right amount of sun and rain to ripen.**

differ from village to village, and vineyard to vineyard, depending on the soil. Famous names include Wehlen, Bernkastel, Uerzig, Zeltingen, Piesport, Graach and Trittenheim. Wines from the Saar and the Ruwer resemble those of the Mosel family.

A distinctive product of this region is wine from the Riesling vine. The grapes of the Riesling vine stock are small and contain a large number of seeds. They need a longer time to ripen, are harvested in late October, November and even December, and do not produce as much juice as other types of grapes.

Riesling juice is very concentrated and produces a full and rich wine taste. Consequently, wines made from Riesling vines are more expensive.

Wines are divided into quality categories. They're continually controlled and must pass a critical examination before they can be sold. Since 1971, the label has indicated clearly the quality category. Denominations and their characteristics are: Kabinett table wine, Spaetlese mid-range, fine quality Auslese, the select Beerenauslese, precious Trockenbeerenauslese and Germany's most special Eiswein, which is made from grapes picked and pressed while frozen.

## Out and About for Halloween

### Trick-or-Treating

Trick-or-Treating takes place in the Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex housing areas Monday from 5-8 p.m. Binsfeld and Speicher Government-Leased Housing areas are included in the trick-or-treating, and are open to the public. Volunteers from the 52nd Security Forces Squadron and Spangdahlem Airman Leadership School will patrol the streets to help ensure safety, but parents and adults should escort children. Stairwell residents should keep their lights on while handing out candy and turn the light off when out of candy.

### Other 'weenish' events

- ♦ The 726th Air Mobility Squadron scans Halloween candy through the passenger terminal X-ray machine from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 in the 726th AMS Passenger Terminal in building 670.

- ♦ The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron and 52nd Communications Squadron Haunted House is open today through

Sunday from 6 p.m. to midnight in the Bitburg Annex gymnasium. The house is open from 5 p.m. to midnight Monday. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children ages 10 and younger. A special "lights-on" viewing for young children takes place 5-6 p.m. Monday. Cost is \$2 for children ages 5 and younger. Parents escorting their children during "lights-on" are admitted for free.

- ♦ The 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Haunted House is open today through Monday from 6 p.m. to midnight with children's hours from 6-7 p.m. each night in the Spangdahlem AB housing area, building 404. Admission is \$5 for children ages 10 and older and \$3 for children ages 9 and younger. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase at the site.

- ♦ Spooky story readings and a costume contest take place today at 3 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB Library and at 4:30 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex Library.

- ♦ A preteen costume and dance party for youth ages 6-12 takes place today

from 7-9 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex Teen Center. Cost is \$4 for members, \$6 for visitors and free for Torch Club members. A party for teenagers ages 13-18 takes place Saturday from 8 p.m. to midnight at the center. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for visitors and free for Keystone Club members.

- ♦ A Combat Care Fall Harvest party takes place Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB Youth Center. Activities include pumpkin carving, races and "tattooing." Children are encouraged to bring a pillowcase to decorate and use as a treat bag.

- ♦ A costume party and chili cook-off sponsored by the Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Club takes place Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Binsfeld outdoor forest pavilion. Call Craig Sweeney at 06575-901785 for details.

- ♦ All movie customers who attend the Bitburg Annex theater in costume Sunday to watch Valiant playing at 4 p.m. or Just Like Heaven at 7 p.m. receive a Halloween treat.



## Sports Briefs

### Bitburg gymnasium closure

The Bitburg Annex gymnasium is closed today through Monday. Call Mark Warner at 452-6634 for more information. Also, the Spangdahlem AB fitness center women's locker room and showering area are closed Saturday for the installation of smoke detectors.

### Soccer news

The Spangdahlem AB Sabers men's soccer team won the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Championships Oct. 17-23 at Camp Darby, Italy. The Sabers beat Aviano AB 5-1. The Sabers women's team took fourth place. The men's team is set to play at the Army and Air Force Final Four Championship Tournament at Camp Darby this weekend.

### Basketball news

Meetings for intramural basketball coaches and the over-30 basketball league take place Nov. 16 at 3 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB fitness center. Letters of Intent to play and team rosters are due at the meeting. Both basketball seasons begin Nov. 21. Call Mark Warner at 452-6634 for more information.

### Aerobics classes

The following exercise classes take place in the base fitness center. Call the center at 452-6634 for details.

**Monday:** Spinning for strength and endurance at 6 a.m., 5-for-2 at 9 a.m., strength and endurance at 11:30 a.m., Spinning for strength and endurance at 11:30 a.m., circuit training at 3:30 p.m., and kickboxing at 5 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Interval Spinning at 6 a.m., Spinning for strength and endurance at 11:30 a.m., hardcore at 3:30 p.m.; and legs, abs and butts at 5 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Spinning for strength and endurance at 6 a.m.; legs, abs and butts at 9 a.m., strength and endurance at 11:30 a.m., Spinning for strength and endurance at 11:30 a.m., circuit training at 3:30 p.m., and Spinning for strength and endurance at 4 p.m.

**Thursday:** Interval Spinning at 6 and 11:30 a.m., hardcore at 3:30 p.m.; and legs, abs and butts at 5 p.m.

**Friday:** Spinning for strength and endurance at 6 a.m., aerobics at 9 a.m. and kickboxing at 11:30 a.m.



Capt. Tom Crosson

### Hey batter, batter!

VILNIUS, Lithuania -- Above, a batter from Lithuania's Rukla Army Base's baseball team stands ready at the plate as catcher Eric Reed, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron member deployed with the 23rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, prepares to handle his pitcher's next offering. Right, Nathan Shehow, deployed 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, winds up a pitch. Deployed members of the 23rd EFS played against the local baseball team on Rukla Army Base. The game ended in a 10-10 tie. The 23rd EFS is supporting NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission.



## Lady Barons teamwork lands team Divison II volleyball title

By Anthony Fornicola

Bitburg High School girls volleyball assistant coach

2005 has been a great year for the Bitburg High School Lady Barons volleyball team. With two matches left to close out the regular season, Bitburg has already captured the Division II title going 10-0 against Division I, II and III schools.

The chemistry between the team's twelve players makes for some outstanding volleyball. This team is a true testament to the saying, "The whole is greater than the sum of the parts." There are no superstars here, only 12 competitive and talented players who

can seamlessly interact with any other player on team, said Sharon Krol, team coach.

The team has only lost eight of 38 games in the season so far, which is a testament of the team's outstanding basic skills that can counteract any major power player or superior set of diagramed plays. The Lady Barons dig, pass, set and hit with extreme accuracy.

In matches against Division I schools, Bitburg won 3-0 against Kaiserslautern, 3-0 against Wiesbaden, 3-1 against Lakenheath, 3-1 against Wuerzburg and 3-2 against Heidelberg. Heidelberg captured the Division I title. The four wins against Division II teams

equals to a total score of 12-3.

### Next up

The Lady Barons take on Frankfurt International School and Baumholder in the final two matches of the season Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. in the BHS gymnasium. There, Sabers can cheer on players Alex Bintz, Monica Bintz, Michelle Fornicola, Nichole Griep, Ana Gutierrez, Ashley Kazimer, Emily Long, Jessica Renaud, Rachel Russom, Vanessa Lee, Jenny Steckowski, Gabby Ussery and Amber Zgonina.

High school volleyball fans are invited to watch the finals taking place Nov. 3-5 at Kaiserslautern High.

## Lady Netters serve up undefeated season

### BHS tennis men Pedergrass, Heath win singles matches for tourney play

By Pete Vadney

Bitburg High School tennis coach

Bitburg High School tennis teams closed out the season at Hanau High School this past Saturday. The Barons ladies finished the season the way they started it, winning 9-0 against the Panthers. The men also closed out their season impressively winning 9-0 against the Panthers and finishing the year 8-2 against their competition.

### Lady Netters

The final win ran the ladies record to 10-0 for the season. This time they won without their No. 3-5 players who were all taking college-placement tests and missed the trip.

The team members were hardly missed though as Nicole Specht, playing in the No. 4 singles slot, won 8-0; Audrey Neubauer playing No. 5 won 8-4, and No. 6 Erica Green won also 8-0. All three girls came up from the junior varsity to record their impressive wins. Jennica Botonis was near perfect playing No. 1 beating a hapless Hanau Panther 8-1, Jackie Ventrice won the No. 2 match 8-0, and Caitlin Schwartz closed out the singles play winning in the No. 3 slot 8-0.

In doubles play Ventice and Schwartz joined to sweep the

No. 1's play 8-0, then saw teammates Specht and Maddison McKenna squeak out the No. 2's play by a 9-7 score. Natasja Brown and Stephanie Faucher, debuting in varsity play, won the No. 3 doubles match 8-2 to close out the competition.

Along with the team's perfect season record it is noteworthy to recognize the fact that the Lady Netters played 81 individual matches this year in team play against their competition and only seven times was the team defeated.

### Barons men

The undermanned Panthers could only produce two varsity players along with three middle schoolers for end-of-season competition. John Pendergrass ran his singles record to 8-1 for the season winning 6-0, 6-1 against his Hanau foe, and Zack Heath beat his varsity opponent 8-0.

The Barons now strip their team down to the top three men and ladies to compete in the Department of Defense Dependent Schools European Tennis Championships in Wiesbaden this weekend. The tournament decides final overall finishes against all of the DoDDS schools competing in Europe as well as a final Divisional placement for the Barons.

Pendergrass and Botonis will receive seeds for the tennis team in singles play, as will the doubles girl's team of Ashley Fary and Ventrice. The boy's doubles team of Heath and Kolby Kruse will have to play into the tournament without the benefit of a seed.

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Minnesota at Carolina	Baltimore at Pittsburgh

Week 8 Tiebreaker

Total Number of Field Goals in All Week 8 Games: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Member Rank/Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Last 4 of Club Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite NFL Team: \_\_\_\_\_